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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY SAG MINISTER OF HEALTH

REF: JIDDA 5729

1. ABSENCE OF KEY HEW OFFICIALS DURING LATE SEPTEMBER
SIMILARLY MAKES SEPTEMBER INVITATION IMPOSSIBLE. IF
SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO FUNDING PROBLEM (HEW HAS NO FUNDS
FOR SUCH VISITS) WE WILL PROPOSE TO INVITE MINISTER PLUS
PARTY OF UP TO THREE TO VISIT US BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY
NOVEMBER 15. SECOND PREFERENCE DATE WOULD BE VISIT
BEGINNING ABOUT OCTOBER 18.

2. AFTER MEETING TODAY BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND REPS FROM
AID, COMMERCE, TREASURY, AND HEW, WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT A
COMBINATION OF AID FUNDS TO COVER TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES
FROM LONDON AND C. FUNDS TO COVER PER DIEM AND LIMOUSINE
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COSTS FOR MINISTER AND UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS

CAN BE PUT TOGETHER. WE HOPE TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING
FUNDING QUESTIONS WITHIN NEXT DAY OR SO AND TO SEND YOU A
PROPOSED ITINERARY DRAWN UP BY HEW, WHICH YOU MAY THEN
PRESENT TO THE MINISTER FOR HIS REACTION AND COMMENT.

3. WE HAVE SKETCHY REPORTS THAT SAG MAY HAVE RECENTLY
CONCLUDED LARGE CONTRACT WITH BELGIANS FOR MEDICAL
SERVICES. APPRECIATE DETAILS IF AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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